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Germany

Financial support for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea by the Federal Republic of Germany

Germany is pleased to present the States parties with some information regarding its financial support for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea based upon the headquarters agreement and its supplementary agreement. The departmental budget of the Federal Ministry of Justice for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (budget years 1997-2010) can be seen below:

Budget year	*Appropriation for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (title group 02)*
1997	DM 13 772 000
1998	DM 34 430 000
1999	DM 34 616 000
2000	DM 20 899 000
2001	DM 4 585 000
2002	€1 183 000
2003	€1 281 000
2004	€632 000
2005	€900 000
2006	€1 168 000
2007	€1 079 000
2008	€1 056 000
2009	€1 005 000
2010	€1 282 000

The figures above show that since 1997, Germany has allocated a total sum of 65,036,627 euros to the departmental budget of the Federal Ministry of Justice for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The figures running into the tens of millions between 1997 and 2000 result from the construction of the building for the Tribunal. Over the last few years, the funds allocated to the Tribunal amounted to approximately 1 million euros per annum. The figures do not include the assessed contributions to the regular budget of the Tribunal which are separate.

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Budget year	*Appropriation for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (euros)*
1997	3 773 181.71
1998	11 859 416.10
1999	21 133 177.32
2000	14 742 398.65
2001	444 850.19
2002	274 344.49
2003	139 879.83
2004	84 697.61
2005	80 203.87
2006	133 000.00
2007	274 043.86
2008	62 931.71
2009	88 647.55

The figures above show that since 1997, Germany has allocated a total sum of 53,090,772.89 euros for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The figures running into the tens of millions between 1998 and 2000 result from the construction of the building for the Tribunal. The figures do not include the assessed contributions to the regular budget of the Tribunal, which are separate, nor do they include the financial contributions made by the city of Hamburg in the past for the Tribunal.

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Agenda

1. Opening of the twentieth Meeting by the President of the nineteenth Meeting.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Election of the President.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents.
6. Appointment of the Credentials Committee.
7. Organization of work.
8. Report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to the Meeting of States Parties for 2009 (SPLOS/204).
9. Information reported by the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority.
10. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf:
    (a) Information reported by the Chair of the Commission;
    (b) Workload of the Commission.
11. Consideration of budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea:
    (a) Draft budget proposals for 2011-2012 (SPLOS/2010/WP.1);
    (b) Report on budgetary matters for the financial periods 2007-2008 and 2009-2010 (SPLOS/205);
    (c) Composition of the staff pension committee of the Tribunal (SPLOS/206);
    (d) Adjustment of the remuneration of members of the Tribunal (SPLOS/207).
12. Report of the Credentials Committee.

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13. Report of the Secretary-General under article 319 for the information of States parties on issues of a general nature, relevant to States parties, that have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (A/64/66/Add.1 and Add.2; A/65/69).

14. Other matters.

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Informal working group of the Bureau of the nineteenth Meeting of States Parties on the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Possible elements for inclusion in the draft decision of the twentieth Meeting of States Parties on the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

1. In the decision of the twentieth Meeting of States Parties relating to the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, we may consider the inclusion of the following elements and request the Commission to adopt these measures on an urgent and priority basis from now until 2012, bearing in mind the need for the Meeting of States Parties to consider the cost implications of such measures:

(a) Flexible size of subcommissions;

(b) Extended meetings of subcommissions;

(c) More frequent meetings;

(d) Flexible meetings of plenary and subcommissions;

(e) Tasking subcommissions with a number of submissions (staggering of submissions);

(f) Remote work by Commissioners with the consent of the submitting State.

2. The Meeting of States Parties will make an assessment in 2011 on what measures beyond 2012 could be required to help reduce the projected timeline in the workload of the Commission.

3. In addition to the above, the following recommendations may also be included in the decision of the twentieth Meeting of States Parties:

(a) The Meeting of States Parties should continue to consider, including through the informal working group of the Bureau of the nineteenth Meeting of States Parties, the issue of the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in particular to assess further measures that may be necessary,

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including the possibility of a full-time Commission, and report on its recommendations to the twenty-first Meeting of States Parties, in 2011;

(b) Urge the nominating States to fulfil their obligations with respect to the Commissioner nominated by them in accordance with annex II, article 2, paragraph 5, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

(c) Call upon those States, which are in a position to do so, to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund set up for the purpose of defraying the cost of participation of the members of the Commission from developing States in the Meetings of the Commission;

(d) Encourage States, which are in a position to do so, to consider the possibility of providing medical coverage to the Commissioner nominated by them while performing Commission duties in New York.

[In addition, the working group discussed the following proposal, on which there was no agreement owing to the concern over a possible breach of the principle of confidentiality:

In accordance with annex II, article 3, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and annex II of the Rules of Procedure, in particular those relating to confidentiality, the Commission, to the extent considered necessary and useful, may cooperate with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the International Hydrographic Organization and other competent organizations, with a view to exchanging scientific and technical information that might be of assistance in discharging the Commission's responsibilities.]

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Credentials of representatives to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Ebenezer **Appreku** (Ghana)

1. On 15 June 2010, the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed, on the proposal of the President, a Credentials Committee consisting of the following eight[1] States parties: Australia, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Finland, Ghana, Hungary and India.

2. The Credentials Committee held an organizational meeting on 15 June 2010, during which it elected Mr. Ebenezer Appreku (Ghana) as Chairperson by acclamation.

3. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 16 June 2010. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 16 June 2010, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement supplementing the memorandum regarding the inclusion of those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum. A revised memorandum by the Secretariat, reflecting the supplementary information, was circulated to the members of the Credentials Committee.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 69 States participating in the twentieth Meeting of States Parties: Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica,

[1] One nomination from the Asian regional group had not been received.

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Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twentieth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 44 States participating in the twentieth Meeting: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritania, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Togo, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum, would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

> *The Credentials Committee*,
>
> *Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 16 June 2010, as supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat dated 16 June 2010,
>
> *Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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Decision relating to the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The Meeting of States Parties,

Considering that the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties decided to establish the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, which was to be composed of three members and three alternate members to be nominated, appointed and/or elected by the Meeting of States Parties, by the Registrar, and by the staff members who are participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,

Considering also that the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties decided to nominate the Embassy of Senegal in Berlin as a member and the Embassy of Canada in Berlin as an alternate member to represent it on the staff pension committee,

Noting that the terms of office of the Embassy of Senegal in Berlin and the Embassy of Canada in Berlin have expired,

Noting also that the Tribunal has made a recommendation to change the term of office of the members and alternate members of the staff pension committee from two years to three years,

Noting further that, once the terms of office have expired, the members and alternate members continue to hold office until successors are nominated, appointed or elected,

1. *Decides* that the Meeting of States Parties will nominate States with a permanent diplomatic or consular presence in Berlin or Hamburg as a member and as an alternate member of the committee and that the nominated States will then appoint local diplomats as their representatives on the staff pension committee;

2. *Also decides* to change the term of office of the members and alternate members of the staff pension committee from two years to three years.

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